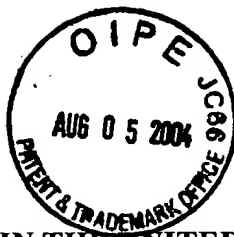


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ELECTROLESS PLATING  
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Sir:

In response to the April 2, 2004 Office Action, with the time for reply extended by one month, please consider the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2.

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